

GERMANY CONTROLS BIG NAVAL FORCE

Warships, Including Austria's, Almost Equal to British Navy.

ENGLAND BEHIND ON TORPEDO BOATS

United States Building Heavier Battleships Than Any Other Nation.

By JOHN SNURE.

That Germany and Austria, in the hard and fast alliance which has been so much discussed, would be able to put on the seas a naval force that would be highly formidable is indicated by the new navy year-book which has just been issued.

This force by no means would be equivalent to England's, but at the same time it would be so great that it might well cause even the powerful British navy to pause before trying to wipe it out.

If the currents of international politics are being rightly sounded, in case the collision between England and Germany so widely noted should come about, the Austrian navy would be at the disposal of the Kaiser. It is, therefore, of interest to see what this would mean and how the combined navies of Austria and Germany compare with the navy of England.

England Outstrips Both.

Considering battleships and armored cruisers which are built, building and provided for, the showing is as follows: Great Britain, 61 battleships and 40 armored cruisers, with a total tonnage of 1,480,580.

Germany, 34 battleships and 12 armored cruisers, with a total tonnage of 843,324. Austria, 19 battleships and 3 armored cruisers, with a total tonnage of 174,320. Germany and Austria combined would have 44 battleships and 15 armored cruisers, with a total tonnage of 828,644. This is much below the British force of 61 battleships and 40 armored cruisers, with a tonnage of 1,480,580. At the same time, it is a naval force of vast strength.

Moreover, the fact that the British navy has a much greater expense of empire to guard than the combined navies of Germany and Austria should be taken into account.

Large Gun Strength About Equal.

Another interesting fact is that when it comes to large guns, which many believe to be the real basis of the test of naval strength, Great Britain has built, building and projected a total of 294 while Germany and Austria combined have 250. Germany has 208 of these great guns and Austria 42.

The Austrian building program consists of seven powerful battleships. Three of these are to be of 14,000 tons each, and the other four are to be of 12,000 tons each, armed with ten twelve-inch guns apiece and twenty 4.1-inch guns. These will compare favorably with the most powerful battleships in the world.

Torpedo Fleets Compared.

These statistics do not take account of the torpedo boat destroyers, torpedo boats, submarines, and other small fighting craft of the three countries concerned. Here, it appears that Great Britain, considering craft built, building and projected, is much ahead of Germany and Austria combined.

An exception must be made of torpedo boats. Germany and Austria combined have more of them than Great Britain has. The statistics show that Great Britain has 168 torpedo boats and 6 submarines. Germany has 97 destroyers, 25 torpedo boats, and 8 submarines.

Austria has 12 destroyers, 23 torpedo boats, and 7 submarines. Combined, Germany and Austria would have 109 destroyers against 168 of Great Britain's, 23 torpedo boats against 25 of Great Britain's, and 13 submarines against 6 of Great Britain's. To a considerable extent these are intended for defensive purposes.

Why English Would Strike Now.

The figures as to naval force built, building and projected, make a much more favorable showing for Germany and Austria than do the figures of fighting craft actually constructed and in commission. That is to say, there should be an immediate or early collision between England and Germany and the English naval force would be overwhelming.

This explains why it is there are unquestionably many thinking Englishmen who believe their country should strike a blow now and not wait for the German and Austrian navies to be built up.

Many other statistics of the almost interest are to be found in the navy year book. For instance, it is shown that France has the greatest force of torpedo boats and submarines of any country in the world. Her torpedo boats are 239, nearly four times as many as England's, and she has ninety-six submarines, or about half as many more as England.

Uncle Sam's Big Fighters.

The United States leads the world in heavy construction, having under way two 26,000-ton battleships, the Arkansas and the Wyoming. The year book shows no other craft building which hold rank with these. Germany and Russia are the closest to it. Russia is building four 23,000-ton fighting monsters, and Germany is building six of 23,000 tons each. The largest British vessels building, according to this publication, are 21,000 tons, though late unofficial reports indicate that the British have vessels projected which will compare with the most powerful dreadnoughts of the United States.

Japan is credited with fifteen battleships and fifteen armored cruisers built, building and projected, against thirty-three battleships and twelve armored cruisers of the United States. This country's battleships and armored cruiser tonnage is 63,241, against 48,235 for Japan. The United States has 190 great guns, against 118 for Japan. Japan now ranks as the fifth naval power.

ONE PULLS WHISKERS, OTHER PULLS GUN

Seventy-Year-Old Men Held for Shooting Man of Twenty-Two.

DOVER, Del., Dec. 12.—Charles Heite, nearly seventy years old, a well-known veteran and pensioner, has been imprisoned without bail to await the result of injuries inflicted upon Edward Tucker, aged twenty-two years, whom he shot in his home at Smyrna, Turkey, was taken to the Homeopathic Hospital at Wilmington. His condition is critical.

It is claimed Tucker pulled the aged soldier's whiskers, resulting in the shooting.

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FIGURES IN POSSIBLE BIGAMY CASE



FIRST MRS. COUNSELMAN.

SECOND MRS. COUNSELMAN.

BY COURT'S DECREE MAY BE BIGAMIST

Broker Is Married to Two Women If Divorce Be Annulled.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—In a state of nervous collapse at the prospect of facing a charge of bigamy, Willis Counselman, a broker of this city, has been ordered to appear in court and explain why his divorce from Lulu Counselman should not be annulled.

His attorney, Milton L. Thackeray, who engineered the legal proceedings responsible for his client's predicament, is said to be prostrated and in a sanatorium.

It is alleged that in applying for a divorce from his wife, granted only one month ago, Counselman and his attorney concealed the fact that Mrs. Counselman was confined in an insane asylum.

Feeling secure with the court's decree in his hands, and believing that his wife was lost to the world among the insane, as far as he was concerned, Counselman married again, almost immediately after the granting of the papers.

The facts of his conduct have now come to light, however. An investigation by the court has been ordered, and it is regarded as more than likely that his divorce will be annulled. In that event, Counselman becomes a bigamist.

Besides the action of the court, in ordering an explanation, the Bar Association of Chicago has taken under investigation the connection of Attorney Thackeray with the case.

If the members of his profession render an adverse verdict, Thackeray is liable to disbarment from legal practice.

CHURCH AND STATE MAY CLASH AGAIN

French Bishop Foresees a New Struggle in Regard to the School System.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Prime Minister Briand today received a letter from Mr. Foucault, bishop of Saint Die, which forebodes another bitter struggle between the church and state, with the school system as the chief battleground.

"The schools of France," declares the bishop, "are without God, and the teachers are the high priests of materialism." He says the church is fighting for the children and not against the republic, "which will fall of its own iniquities."

If the government attempts to monopolize the schools, the bishop says, it will be the last tyranny of its existence. "You have fired the first shot," he says, "the separation of church and state; now let the battle go on. An explosion of public conscience will mean the destruction of the phantom liberties of today and real liberties for tomorrow."

Bishop Foucault is regarded as speaking for all the Catholics of France.

W. DEAN HOWELLS TO OPEN SESSION

American Academy of Arts and Letters Will Convene in D. C.

A. R. Hall Tomorrow.

The American Academy of Arts and Letters, a body of fifty authors, artists, and composers, chosen from the 25 members of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, will convene in Washington tomorrow at the halls of the D. C. A. R. and will continue its session on Thursday.

William Dean Howells, president of the academy, will open the session with an address and the program will include the following papers:

"The Development of an Architectural Style in America," by Thomas Hastings; "Contemporary Music," by Prof. Horatio W. Parker of Yale; "The Molly Maguires in the Anthracite Region," by Edwin H. Blashfield; "The Need of a Higher Standard of Art in America," by Edwin H. Blashfield; "Ruskin and Norton: A Link Between the Old and New Worlds," by Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe will also read a poem entitled "The Capitol." Three poems, "In Praise of Poetry," written by the late Richard Watson Gilder and intended for this occasion, will be read.

Swift & Company's sales of fresh beef in Washington for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 11, averaged 7.03 cts. per lb. —Adv.

CONGRESS MAY VISE NEW CONSTITUTIONS

Opposition Strong Against "A Second Oklahoma" in Admission Question.

Just to make sure that the States of Arizona and New Mexico shall not try to cut any New Zealandish dikes in their constitutions, Congress may decide on a method by which it will be able to visit these instruments after the States adopt them, and thereupon decide whether States with such fundamental instruments ought to be admitted to the Union.

And if the proposed constitutions are found to bear any particular resemblance to the constitution of Oklahoma, it may be set down that the States will have to wait awhile before they get in.

No More Oklahoma. "No more Oklahoma constitutions," is the watchword of the Administration and of the House Committee on Territories, in connection with the arrangements for admission of the two new States. President Taft is deeply interested in the effort to prevent the new States making radical departures in their basic statutes, and the House Committee is trying to figure out a way to guarantee against anything of the sort.

To this end the new Statehood bill that has been introduced by Representative Hamilton, of Michigan, chairman of the committee on Territories, provides for two elections; one for the adoption of the constitution, at which nothing else shall be considered, and the other for election of officers. In this way it is hoped to get close consideration of the constitution and a chance to reject it if it is too radical.

But there is disposition to provide that, even after the States shall have adopted their constitutions, Congress shall have a chance to pass on those instruments. The bill as now drawn does not provide for this. It gives the President the responsibility to decide whether the constitutions are satisfactory, before he issues his proclamation declaring them admitted. Some of the conservatives in Congress want a requirement that Congress shall pass on the new constitutions.

Limitations Marked. The limitations which are placed about the President's discretion in the matter are so marked that it is feared he might feel compelled to let in a State whose constitution which he couldn't entirely approve.

On the other hand there is objection to having Congress pass on the new constitutions, on the ground that it would project Congress into an interminable discussion of the "isms" of constitution making, with no certainty that it would ever be settled, and with assurance that the discussion would develop a lot of uncomfortable politics. It would almost certainly become a party measure, in some fashion, if sent back to Congress in this way.

The outlook for Statehood this session is not brilliant. The Senate committee is not friendly to the bill, and the House committee, though Chairman Hamilton, of the House committee, is confident the bill will pass.

WHELDON TO OPPOSE SENATOR BURKETT

Former Law Partner of C. E. Magoon Will Enter Fight.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 12.—C. O. Wheldon, of this city, will oppose Senator E. J. Burkett for re-nomination in the primaries next fall.

The formal announcement is expected in a few days. For several months the insurgent sentiment has been crystallizing. Letters have been pouring in on the lawyer, and he has decided to make the fight. Wheldon, a redoubtable fighter and the former law partner of C. E. Magoon, created a sensation last summer by attacking the Payne-Aldrich bill. He challenged Burkett to meet him in joint debate, but the latter, who is confident the bill will pass, declined.

MACKAYE TO SPEAK.

Percy Mackaye, author of "The Canterbury Pilgrims," will give the first of a series of three lectures for the benefit of the endowment fund of Bryn Mawr College at the Willard Hotel this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The subject of the lecture is "The Five Functions of the Theater."

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FACTORY WIPED OUT.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 13.—The plant of the Racine Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of automobiles, tops and piano stools; the Danis Brotherhood Hall, the Mitchell Wagon Works, and several residences were destroyed by fire, causing \$50,000 damage. The Racine Manufacturing Company's plant occupied a city block and employed 1,200 men.

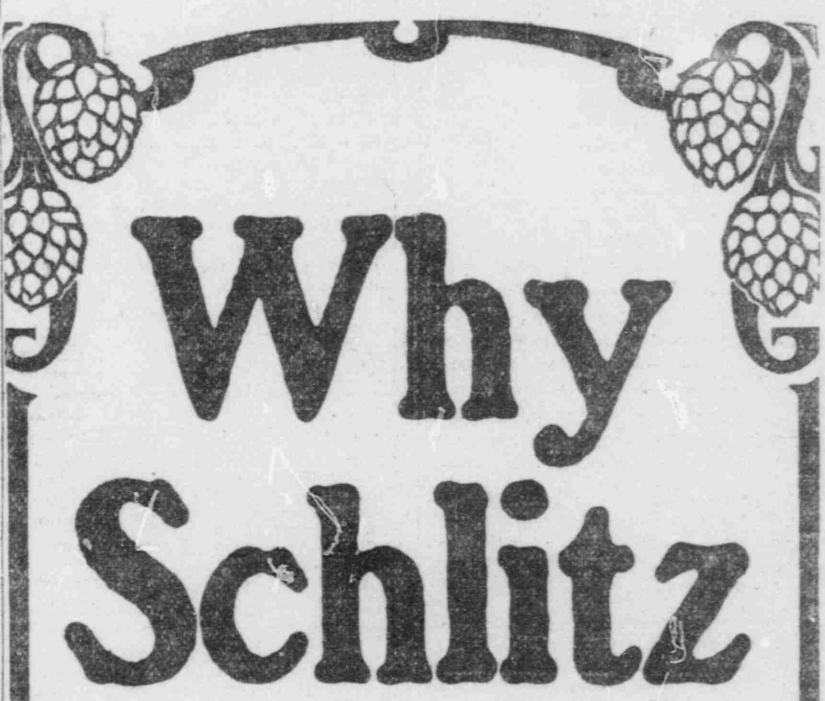
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THINKS PELLAGRA COMES FROM DOGS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—Dr. Rushing, of Benson, president of the De Soto Parish Medical Society, is of the opinion that pellagra is contracted from dogs. Several months ago Dr. Rushing was called to treat a patient, whom he took to New Orleans, where the most skillful physicians announced his case as pellagra. Returning to Benson, Dr. Rushing noticed that several dogs in the community were suffering from a disease similar to pellagra, and upon investigation he found that his patient had lost several valuable dogs from the ailment, and that he had doctored the dogs.



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